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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Y. Sakagami et al.) Prior Appln. Group Art Unit: 1653
Serial No.: Not yet assigned) Examiner: Gupta, A.
(Divisional of 09/373,995))
Filed: Concurrently)
For: PLANT GROWTH FACTOR)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 18
and 19 as follows:

18. (Amended) A plant growth factor peptide obtained by collecting cells from
liliaceous plants, incubating the collected cells in a plant cell cultivation medium, and
separating said plant growth factor peptide from the cells through centrifugation.

19. (Amended) A plant growth factor peptide, wherein the plant growth factor
peptide has the following physico-chemical properties:

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